GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Obesity Levels among Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed Universities to collect Body Mass Index (BMI) and ban junk foods in campuses in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind the decision;
(c) whether the Government is of the opinion that the ban would control obesity levels and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government has any data about the current obesity levels among the university students and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c): University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued a letter on 10th November, 2016 on the advice of Ministry of Women and Child Development, to the Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities to consider withdrawal of carbonated beverages and junk food from college canteens as it adversely affects the mental and physical growth of students. Banning junk food and carbonated drinks in colleges would set new standards for healthy food and make the students feel better, and learn better. This letter is also available on the UGC Website: www.ugc.ac.in.
(d): This data in not centrally maintained.
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